



## Atlanta City Council District

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Adair Park
Ashview Community
Beecher-Donnelly Neighbors
Belmont Hills Homeowners
Booker T. Washington
Bush MT. Community
Cascade Neighborhood
Castleberry Hill

Eastridge Neighborhood Ferstwood Community Kenilsworth Kevin Heights Willowbrook Estate Oakland City Pittsburgh Civic League Richland Hills University Villa West End Westridge-Sandtown

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## **PARKS**

Adair I Park Adair Park II Barbara A. McCoy Park Bonnie Brae Park Cleopas R. Johnson Park Dean Rusk Park Enota Place Playlot Gordon-White Park Howell Park Oakland City Park Outdoor Activity Center Pittman Park Ralph David Abernathy Plaza Rosa L. Burney Park Rose Circle Park West End Park

Windsor Street Park



City Council District 4 is a diverse community of people that contains more than 19 neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPUs) K, S, T and V. The District is home to the Atlanta University Center and the historic West End, as well as some of Atlanta's economically challenged communities.

Of the 12 Atlanta City Council Districts, District 4 has the second smallest amount of park acreage. The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 4 contains only 118. The District's largest park, the Outdoor Activity Center, is only 21.76 acres. With the exception of District 7, all other districts contain at least one park larger than 45 acres.

Several District 4 communities are active in their park. The Chauncey H. Robinson Foundation has adopted Rosa Burney Park. NPU S Parks Chair Larry Alford is working to improve Barbara McCoy Park, where he is trying to organize a new friends of the park group. William Holland brings potted plants to Howell Park every morning and takes them home each night.

Sustaining Urban Villages and the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance provide programming at the Outdoor Activity Center, reaching out to and educating youth in the surrounding community.

The Atlanta BeltLine project would have a significant impact on District 4, as the entire southwest portion of the BeltLine is either within or forms the boundary of the district. The first new BeltLine park project will be the expansion of the Enota Playlot into a 5-acre active park. The BeltLine project also proposes to create the 44-acre Murphy Triangle Parks and the 28-acre Hillside Park. No district will be more positively impacted by the BeltLine.



The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.

Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.

The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.

## FAST FACTS - DISTRICT 4

| Number of Parks           | 32                      |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Parks ≥ 1 Acre            | 14                      |
| Total Park Acres          | 118.24                  |
| Largest Park              | Outdoor Activity Center |
| Playgrounds               | 15                      |
| Ballfields                | 8                       |
| Tennis Courts             | 13                      |
| Outdoor Basketball Courts | 9                       |
| Recreation Centers        | 3                       |